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Finding Aid to Fields and Codes Ontario Land Records Index (OLRI)

The same codes are used in both the Nominal Index and the Township Index. This list shows the fields from left to right in the order they appear in the Nominal Index.

NAME OF LOCATEE
In most cases this is a surname followed by a forename. Be aware of spelling variations and abbreviations. Organizations may also be named as locatees.

TOWNSHIP/TOWN/CITY
This is usually one of the more than 400 townships in Ontario. Note that many townships and towns share the same name but are geographically distant. Towns are usually identified by a following T.

RESIDENCE
Some records include an additional place—the residence of the locatee.

LOT
For most properties, a lot or half lot is identified with numbers or letters.

CONC: Concession
Identifies a strip of lots within a township. Concessions may be identified with a number or letter, and/or their relation to a natural or human-created landmark like a road. Every township is different.

DATE ID: Date Identity Code

1 **Location ticket**—authorized a grantee to occupy a specific parcel of land
2 **Assignment**—the person mentioned in the original record was not the first person offered this piece of land
3 **Patent**—the document transferring ownership from the Crown to the first owner
4 **Lease** (from the Canada Company)
5 **Sale** (from the Canada Company)
6 **Contract**—an agreement to purchase land from the Canada Company
7 **Deed**—a document transferring ownership of private property between individuals or organizations (in this case, the Canada Company entries)
8 **Order-in-Council**—a document signed by the Lieutenant-Governor or the Governor General ordering a specific action

ISSUE DATE
Dates are shown as year, month, day, with no spaces. There may also be a date of residence.

TRANS TYPE: Transaction Type

FG Free Grant (administrative fees may have been charged)
L Lease from the Canada Company or the Crown
S Sale from the Canada Company or the Crown
A Assignment—locatee was not the first grantee offered a specific piece of land

TYPE FG: Type of Free Grant

OR	Old Regulations—there were no administrative fees
NR	New Regulations—there were no administrative fees
FF	Full Fees—all administrative fees paid by the individual
UE	United Empire Loyalist
DUE	Daughter of a United Empire Loyalist
SUE	Son of a United Empire Loyalist
LB	Land Board—the first District Land Board (1789 to 1794) issued certificates to individuals who were granted land
COMM	Heir and Devisee Commissions—these Commissions dealt with cases where land title was not clear
M	Military/ Militia Service—grants to local residents for military or militia service
MC	Military Claimant—disbanded or pensioned soldier of the British Army
ME	Military Emigrant—Immigrants settled in Perth and Richmond (Lanark County), originally by Quarter Master General's Department of British Army
SE	Scotch Emigrants—grants offered in 1815 to sons of Military Emigrants (ME)
PR	Peter Robinson Immigrant
AA	Gratuitous—free grants to individuals who were (a) judged destitute by a government board and/or (b) had all their administrative fees waived.
1819	Regulations of January 5, 1819
1820	Regulations of January 1, 1820
1825	Regulations of November 21 1825
V	Veteran—offered after 1901 for service during Fenian Raids (1860s) or the Boer War (1899 to 1902)

TYPE OF LEASE/SALE

CL	Clergy Reserve—land set aside to be leased or sold to provide for the maintenance of Protestant clergy
CR	Crown Reserve—land set aside to be leased or sold to provide a source of revenue for the Crown
SCH	School Reserve—land set aside to be leased or sold to provide revenue for schools
I	Indian Land

ARCHIVAL REFERENCE

For details, see **Finding Aid to Archival References in the Ontario Land Records Index.**